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Olympic recognition given to resident

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A Duxbury resident has been awarded a rare recognition by the International Olympic Committee.

Judge Juan R. Torruella, a resident of both Duxbury and San Juan, Puerto Rico, was awarded the International Olympic Committee's Pierre de Coubertain Medal in recognition of his services to the Olympic movement. Judge Torruella serves on the US Court of Appeals for the First Circuit, based in Boston, and is an active sailor. He competed for Puerto Rico in the 1964 Tokyo, 1968 Mexico, an, 1972 Munich and 1976 Montreal Olympic Games, and won silver medals in two Central American and Caribbean Games in the Finn and Flying Dutchman Classes.

In 1997, after several trans-Atlantic crossings, he circumnavigated the South American continent by way of Cape Horn with his wife, Judith Wirt.

Torruella is an international sailing judge and president the Arbitration Court at the 2011 Winter Olympics in Vancouver and the 2012 Olympics in London.



Judge Torruella receives the Pierre de Coubertain Medal from the International Olympic Committee.